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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S VISIT TO WEST BERLIN

1. IN CONNECTION WITH PROPOSED SECRETARIAL VISIT TO WEST BERLIN DEPT IS DEVELOPING MATERIALS FOR POSSIBLE SPEECH. OUR CURRENT THINKING IS TO SUGGEST TO GERMAN SIDE THAT SPEECH BE DELIVERED BEFORE THE BERLIN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. NO DATE HAS YET BEEN SET. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE BY COB MARCH 12 EMBASSY AND USBER COMMENTS ON PROPOSED FORUM AND SUGGESTIONS FOR POINTS TO BE INCLUDED IN SPEECH AS WELL AS ANY AREAS SECRETARY SHOULD AVOID. OUR INITIAL THINKING IS THAT SPEECH WILL ADDRESS SOME ISSUES OF CURRENT BERLIN INTEREST AND RELATE THE BERLIN SITUATION TO THE BROADER FRAMEWORK OF DETENTE. ALTERNATIVE THEMES WHICH EMBASSY AND USBER MIGHT SUGGEST WOULD BE WELCOMED.

2. PLANS FOR SPEECH STILL IN FORMATIVE STAGES AND IT

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